Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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recap of last call

- cdfa update
- cdc guidance for schools
- no kid hungry
- leadership corner: mindfulness

United States Department of Agriculture

Food and Nutrition Service

Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Best Practices for Parent Pick-Up of Meals and Snacks

It is a Federal requirement that Child Nutrition Program operators provide meals and snacks directly to eligible children. However, given the current health crisis, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a nationwide waiver that allows local Program operators to distribute meals and snacks to parents and guardians to give to their eligible child. USDA does not have the legal authority to reimburse Program operators for meals provided to ineligible adults. Learn more: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/parents-and-guardians-waiver

State agencies are working with local Program operators to ensure that meals and snacks are distributed to parents or guardians of children eligible to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Service Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program. The nationwide waiver allowing parents to pick-up meals for children at non-congregate sites does not apply to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). However, States may submit individual waivers to FNS requesting permission to allow parent pick-up under the FFVP.

> https://www.fns.usda.gov/resource/covid-19-nationwidewaiver-allow-parents-and-guardians-pick-meals-children

Questions To Consider

Learn

More

- Would an alternative method of meal distribution meet needs while ensuring program integrity (e.g., mail delivery or bus delivery along regular bus routes)?
- What is the plan for ensuring meals go to eligible children?
- What is the strategy for preventing the distribution of duplicate meals (e.g., a person claiming the same meals from multiple sites)?

Meals picked up by mom and dad for kids to eat and enjoy!



agenda

- district spotlights
- funding/advocacy
- school reopening guidance
- policy updates
- resources
- leadership corner
- discussion

usda professional standards 2450, 3220, 3220, 3410, 4150







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Until Further Notice

1PM to 3PM At the FOOD FARMACY 2700 Fairmount Dr. San Leandro, CA



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Curbing food waste and putting meals on your table by redistributing nutritious, untouched surplus food from local schools, hospitals and other institutions.











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reopening schools?



planning for sy 20-21 toolkit coming soon!

meal service planning: consider learning formats



meal service planning: assessment



meal service planning: assessment



meal service planning: implementation



Implementation

Create protocols and checklists for each meal service model to keep you and your staff organized. Keep an eye out for resources from LunchAssist and the Center for Ecoliteracy.

Assess Modifications

Evaluate stakeholders and procedures that will be affected by each type of learning model considered in Step 1 (i.e. students, staff, meal preparation, meal service, etc.). california state advocacy update

california school food program survey

Emergency meal service is causing **significant budget deficits** for school nutrition.



of public school districts reported increases in the overall costs of serving meals during the pandemic. This is due to:

- 1. lost revenue during school closures;
- 2. paying staff to stay home for health and safety;
- 3. hazard pay for front line staff;
- 4. increased packaging for grab and go meals;
- 5. equipment and PPE to support modified meal service operations; and
- 6. increased food costs due to supply chain demands.



"Food cost has almost tripled due to the necessity of using more packaged individual items and meal kits."

-School district food service director

your signatures are making a difference!

- \$63.2M for school nutrition included in senate/assembly versions of the budget
- \$10M for farm to school
- continued advocacy needed before budget is passed on June 15



join the advocacy efforts

- 1. <u>sign on to our letter</u> by 1:00 p.m. this friday, 6/5
- 2. contact your representative
- 3. testify at a hearing
- 4. contact me: <u>abby@ecoliteracy.org</u>

policy updates

summer waivers

confirmed:

- non-congregate
- meal time flexibility
- parent meal pickup

pending:

- area eligibility
- supper
- meal pattern

June 2, 2020

The Honorable Pamilyn Miller Administrator, Food and Nutrition Services U.S. Department of Agriculture 1320 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Administrator Miller:

We appreciate the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service's (USDA-FNS) responsiveness as schools and sponsors continue to operate emergency meal programs in response to COVID-19. The decision to extend the four nationwide waivers on May 15th – including Non-Congregate Feeding, Parent and Guardian Pick-Up, Meal Service Times, and Meal Pattern Flexibility – will help ensure communities are able to safely meet the nutrition needs of the families being hardest hit by the ongoing crisis.

While we commend USDA's strong leadership in supporting meal program providers by extending these waivers, it is important that the additional waivers and flexibilities issued in response to COVID-19 also remain in place and an option for all programs that need them until September 30, 2020. We ask that you extend all of the waivers that you have granted and to make the transition to summer seamless for state agencies, sponsors, as well as the community. This includes the following:

- The area eligibility waivers are critical to ensuring that impacted families in all communities are able to access summer meals. Currently, all state-approved area eligibility waivers expire on June 30th. We ask that you proactively extend these waivers until September 30th in order to reduce the administrative burden on state agencies to reapply. Allowing sites to provide meals in communities that do not meet the 50% area eligibile threshold has been essential to reaching the children that may be newly eligible. This is especially important when over 30 million Americans have filed for unemployment in the last six weeks. There is no mechanism to take into account the impact of the economic crisis and document a community's current eligibility for summer meals.
- The unanticipated school closure waiver through the summer is needed to ensure that meal sites continue to operate through the summer. Since schools closed, school nutrition departments, local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations have been operating the Summer Food Service Program or the Seamless Summer Option. The sponsors and the meal sites are already operational and serving the community. The easiest, simplest, and best way for children to continue to access much-needed meals this summer is to extend the Unanticipated School Closure Waiver so that meal sites can continue to operate as they are operating today: without any additional administrative burden or work upon sponsors and state agencies. Otherwise, we will lose sponsors and the sites they serve as they struggle to go through the administrative process of applying to operate the summer meal programs, while at the same time operating them.
- The waiver of the enrichment requirements for afterschool meals and snacks
 through the Child and Adult Care Food Program also should be extended through

two **new** memos

FFVP Q&A memo #2 (SP-19)

- FFVP may be served at alternative locations **if** approved by the state
- funds must be spent by june 30, 2020

SFSP & SSO Q&A memo (SP-18)

- OVS in non-congregate meals allowed <u>only</u> in SFSP
- multiple day meal kits are allowed through the summer of 2020

heroes act

- \$3 billion for CNP's
 - reimbursement
 - USDA foods
 - FFVP flexibilities
- classifies school nutrition professionals "essential workers"

passed the house

urge congress to pass this bill!



resource updates

COVID-19 WAIVERS & FLEXIBILITIES

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USDA Waiver Toolkit

Includes Waivers #1-25

UPDATED JUNE 3, 2020



USDA COVID-19 Child Nutrition Program Nationwide Waivers #1-25

	Subject of Waiver	Applies to These Programs:	Details	What to Do Now (CA)	Expires	
1	Meal Service Time Flexibility Superseded by waivers #17 and #23 with extended expiration dates	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	P, SFSP, best meet the needs of the communities, even if <u>Waivers Request Survey</u> .		dune 30" CACFP, NSLP, SBP Aug 31 ² SSO, SFSP Sep 30" Superseded by waivers #17" and #23"	
2	Non-congregate Feeding Superseded by waiver #22 with extended expiration date	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	All meals and snacks may be taken to consume off site.	n to consume For CACFP, <u>complete the CDF CACFP Agency</u> <u>Waivers Request Survey</u> . For all other programs, email <u>septinto@cde.ca.aov</u> and then update details in CNIPS.		
3	Afterschool Activities	NSLP, CACFP	CACFP At-risk and NSLP snack programs may serve suppers and snacks without educational or enrichment activities.	For CACFP, complete the CDE CACFP Agency Waivers Request Survey.	June 30*	
4	Meal Pattern Flexibility Superseded by waivers #13 and #24 with extended expiration dates	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Meal pattern flexibility is granted across all child nutrition programs allowing programs to serve meals based on foods available.	Complete CDE Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Request Survey The survey must be submitted prior to using the meal pattern flexibility.	April 30* June 30 Superseded by waivers #13 and #24	
5	Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up Superseded by waiver #25 with extended expiration date	NSLP, SBP, CACFP, SFSP, SSO	Parents/guardians are allowed to pick up meals for children without them being present. Programs must have a writter plan to ensure accountability and program integrity. A process must be in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents/guardians of eligible children and that duplicate meals are not distributed.	This flexibility is optional but highly encouraged by public health experts. Programs may implement immediately and do not have to inform the CDE. Programs must have a written plan in place to ensure accountability, program integrity, and prevent duplicate meal distribution.	dune 30° Aug 31° Superseded by walver #25	

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"Or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier. (If needed, this date could also be extended by USDA)
"All wavers apply automatically to all states that elect to use them. However, each waiver is subject to each state agency electing to use the waiver. Contact your state agency for more state
specific information.

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USDA United Bases Department of Agriculture DATE: March 20, 2020 CODE COV[D-19: Child Nutrition Response #] Nationwide Waiver to Allow Med Service Time Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs SUBJ 1320 Druddock Place Alexandrin TO: VK 22014 SUBJECT-

Regional Directors Special Nutrition Programs All Regions

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Section 2202(a) of the Act permits the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a waiver for all States for the purposes of providing meals under the Child Nutrition Programs, with appropriate safety measures, as determined by the Secretary.

Under Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(1), 220.80(), 225.16(c)(1) and (2), and 225.50(2), CBH Natritism Program modes must follow model service inter requirements. However, FNS recognitizes that in this public holds (merganye, voluming the must areas the service, formal States, the requirements at of PCP 211.0(1), 220.0(2), 221.5(2)) and (2). State against sinu yalo adjust the time of must areas and density at 225.00(3), and including superposed on teach lines must action the Child and AMC are Food Program. during the public health emergency.

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Waiver #15: SFSP Site Visits The requirement of SFSP sponsors to visit each site at least once during the first week of program operation has been waived. 10.00

Complete the CDE SPSP Extension Waivers Request Survey.



Waiver #16: OVS Flexibilities in the SFSP Offer Versus Serve Boxibility is granted to SPSP programs, even in non congregate settings. Note: This does not apply to SSO or CACEP.

TO.DQ: Complete the CDE SPSP Extension Walvers Request Survey.



Waiver #17: Meal Times for SFSP & SSO

TO, DO: For SPSP, complete the CDE SPSP Extension Walvers Request Survey. For SPO, email septifol@cole.ca.gov and then update details in CNIPS

Waiver #18: LSWP Triennial Assessments



The deadline to complete the first LSWP Triennial Assessment, has TO DO:

If you elect to use this weiver, complete the CDE LSWP Trienmial Assessment Extension Waiver Request Survey by June 30, 2000.

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USDA COVID-19 Child Nutrition Program Nationwide Waivers

To Do Lists for California Child Nutrition Programs

NSLP & SBP

1	To Do:	Flexibilities Covered:	
	Community Eligibility Provision Download CALPADS, enrollment, and other lists between now and June 30. Determine if you are eligible for CEP. If you are eligible, apply by Aug 31.	CEP Deadline Extension	
	Administrative Review If you had a review during SY 19-20, email the reviewer to complete the audit remotely, or delay until SY 20-21.	Monitoring Requirements for SNP Sponsors	
	Local School Wellness Policy If you haven't completed the Triennial Assessment of the LSWP, complete the LSWP Triennial Assessment Fatension Waiver Survey to postpone the deadline to June 2021.	LSWP Triennial Assessment Deadline Extension	

SSO

1	To Do:	Flexibilities Covered:
	Email <u>snpinfo@cde.ca.gov</u> to inform them that you will be operating emergency meal services under the SSO.	Meal Service Times, Non-congregate Feeding
	Update CNIPS Application Packet for SSO.	Meal Service Times
	Meal Pattern Complete the Meal Pattern Flexibility Waiver Survey	Meal Pattern
	Parent Meal Pick Up Have a written plan in place; keep on file for recordkeeping requirements and/or future audits. See the LunchAssist Sample Policy & USDA Tip Sheet 	Parent/Guardian Meal Pick Up
	Administrative Review If you had a review during 5Y 19-20, email the reviewer to complete the SSO audit remotely, or delay until SY 20-21.	Monitoring Requirements for SNP Sponsors
	Site Monitoring If SSO site reviews are completed from your desk, submit the <u>CNP</u> <u>Monitoring Waiver Survey</u> .	Monitoring Requirements for SNP Sponsors
	Area Eligibility If any of your SSO feeding sites have less than 50% of students qualified for F/R meals, then complete the <u>CNP Area Eligibility Walver</u> <u>Survey</u> .	Area Eligibility Flexibility fo Closed Enrolled Sites, Area Eligibility Flexibility fo Open sites

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USDA COVID-19 Child Nutrition Program Nationwide Waivers

California Child Nutrition Programs

Paperwork to Keep on File during COVID-19

1	То Кеер:				
	Written Meal Count and Collection Procedures, including updates for COVID-19 meal service				
	Daily Meal Count Forms or records for each meal type served, for each day served, at all sites				
	Daily Menu Production Records for each meal type served, for each day served, at all sites				
	Menu compliance documents for foods served (PFS, CN labels, recipes, etc.)				
	Temperature logs for all sites:				
	Cold storage logs				
	Cold food logs				
	Hot food logs				
	Transport logs (if applicable)				
	COVID-19 HACCP Plan (See LunchAssist Sample Addendum for your existing plan)				
	Health Permits for each site in operation				
	Food safety certification for at least one employee at each site in operation				
	Site Monitoring Review Forms for each site for SSO or SFSP				
	Parent Meal Pick Up Policy (See LunchAssist Sample Policy and USDA Tip Sheet)				
	Written consent from households to receive delivered meals (if applicable)				
	Email confirmation from State Agency approving your SFA's use of the following waivers, if applicable:				
	Meal Service Times				
	Non-congregate Feeding				
	Meal Pattern				
	CNP Monitoring				
	CNP Area Eligibility				
	CACFP Agency				
	SFSP Extension				
	*Use of all waivers are optional and dependent on state approval.				

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farmers to families food box

- connecting farmers with non-profit organizations
 - food banks, schools, churches...
- find an approved "contractor"
 - o farmers
 - produce vendors
 - food distributors
- order for no cost!
- distribute to families



with fresh produce, dairy and meat products, then

transport them to non-profits across America

restaurants and bulk purchasers to

distributors, preventing waste

pick up food boxes from local schools, food banks, faith-based organizations and other non-profits

Approved Contractors for the Farmers to Families Food Box Program

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IE 🔅 USDA FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX 🤉 APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR THE FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchased fresh produce, dairy, and meat products under the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. We extend our appreciation to all those who submitted offers in support of this program.

Announcement of Contract Awards (pdf)

Map of Regions



community eligibility provision

evaluate as of **june 2**:

- district/school enrollment
- identified student data
 - CALPADS direct certification
 - "M" "S" "T" & "O"
 - migrant
 - homeless
 - foster
 - o runaway
 - headstart
 - extended eligibility
 - other

Maximize your CEP Funding with **Meals Count**

Meals Count is a free tool to help school districts optimize their USDA CEP Application, to get more reimbursements for school meals, and help fight child hunger.

Meals Count is under active development, and may change. If you have any feedback, comments or questions, please contact us

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Find Your District

go to: mealscount.com

new USDA tip sheet

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Seamless Summer Option: Providing Multiple Meals at a Time During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic



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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is working with State Child Nutrition agencies to provide safe and feetble meal service to children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. During unanticipated school closures, School Food Authorities can offer meals and/or snacks to students through the USDA National School Lunch Programs' Seamles Summer Option (SSD). Under nationwide non-congregate feeding and meal times waivers, State agencies may allow Program operators to provide more than 1 day's worth of meals to eligible children via a single meal pick-up (by the child or the child's parent or guardian) or delivery.¹⁻¹ For example, a SSO site may distribute 2 days of meals on Monday morning, providing program participants with breakdist and lunch for both Monday and Tuesday.

Under the SSO, what meals and snacks can Program operators claim for reimbursement per child, per day?

- Breakfast and lunch;
- Breakfast and snack:
- Lunch and snack;
- Breakfast and supper; or
- Supper and snack.

What should Program operators consider when deciding how many days of meals to provide at a time?

- How long foods may be safely stored before eating.
- How long foods can be stored before food quality suffers.
- Participants' access to refrigerator and freezer space for the amounts of food and milk provided.
- Food storage space at the meal distribution site and on meal delivery vehicles (such as buses or food trucks).
- Whether fewer pick-up days and times will decrease access to meals for some children.

https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19

Nationwide Waiver To Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs, COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #1, https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19-meal-times-nationwide-waiver.

*Nationwide Walver To Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs, COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #2, https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/non-congregate-feeding-nationwide-walver.

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Food Quality

Distributing 2, 3, or 4 days of meals may present food quality challenges. Below are some tips to consider:





For sandwiches and wraps, package bread separately from sandwich fillings and provide instructions on how parents, guardians, and older children can assemble the sandwiches at mealtime.

For peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, distributing frozen sandwiches may help prevent items from being smashed or damaged during transport. Provide instructions with the meal indicating that sandwiches should be thawed in the refrigerator before earing.

For pre-made salads, package dressings separately from salad greens and provide instructions on how to dress the salad at home.

Avoid stacking meals to prevent damage. Large rolling carts can help transport meals in single layers around the distribution site.

Production Records

When providing multiple meals at a time, Program operators must continue to maintain production and menu records that show the served meal components and quantities for each grade group. A production record for a week's worth of meals must show all meals for the week, amounts provided, and meal component crediting information. Production records must inducate the total number of meals produced and served. As a best practice, one weekly production record should be completed for each meal type (e.g., breakfast, lunch) and grade group served (e.g., K.§, 9-12). Program operators must keep supporting menu documentation, such as labels, recipes, and manufacturer specifications in accordance with Program regulations.

Meal Accommodations

Program operators must continue to provide reasonable modifications to Program meals or the meal service to accommodate children with disabilities.

new USDA tip sheet

sample communication to accompany meals (2 days of breakfast & lunches)

On the Menus for Children Menu in Grades 9 Through 12



P-EBT outreach





leadership

talk.

race & equity

individual efforts

- self-reflection
- guided workbooks
- communicating with care & awareness
- encouraging others
- learn more about black history

organizational strategies

- assessing readiness
- toolkits & rubrics
- trainings
- look for new opportunities..

things to remember:

- this work is an ongoing process.
- listen generously to each other.
- be willing to sit with discomfort -- it's how we learn!
- take care of yourself. 💛

discussion